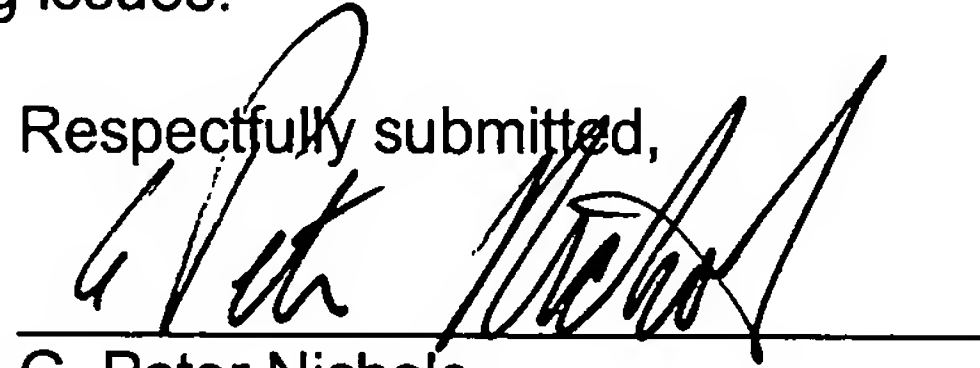


### REMARKS

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. None of the amendments were made for patentability purposes. It is believed that the present claims are in condition to be allowed. The undersigned attorney can be reached at (312) 321-4276 to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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